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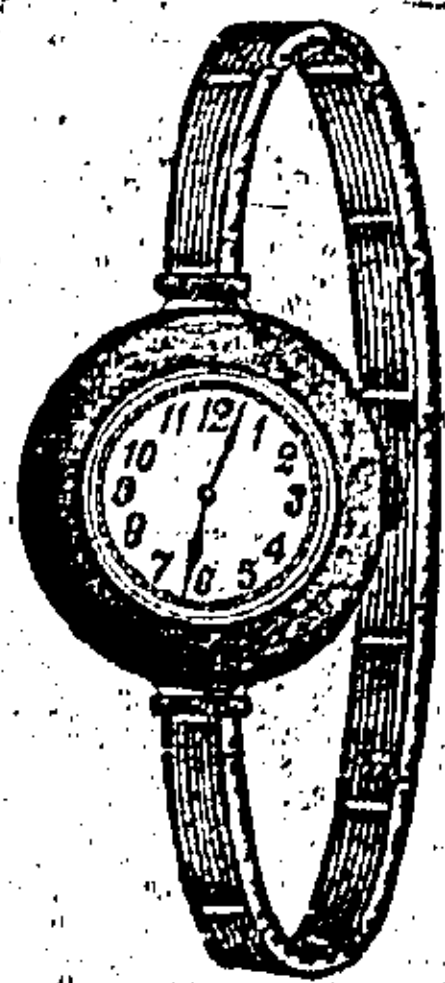
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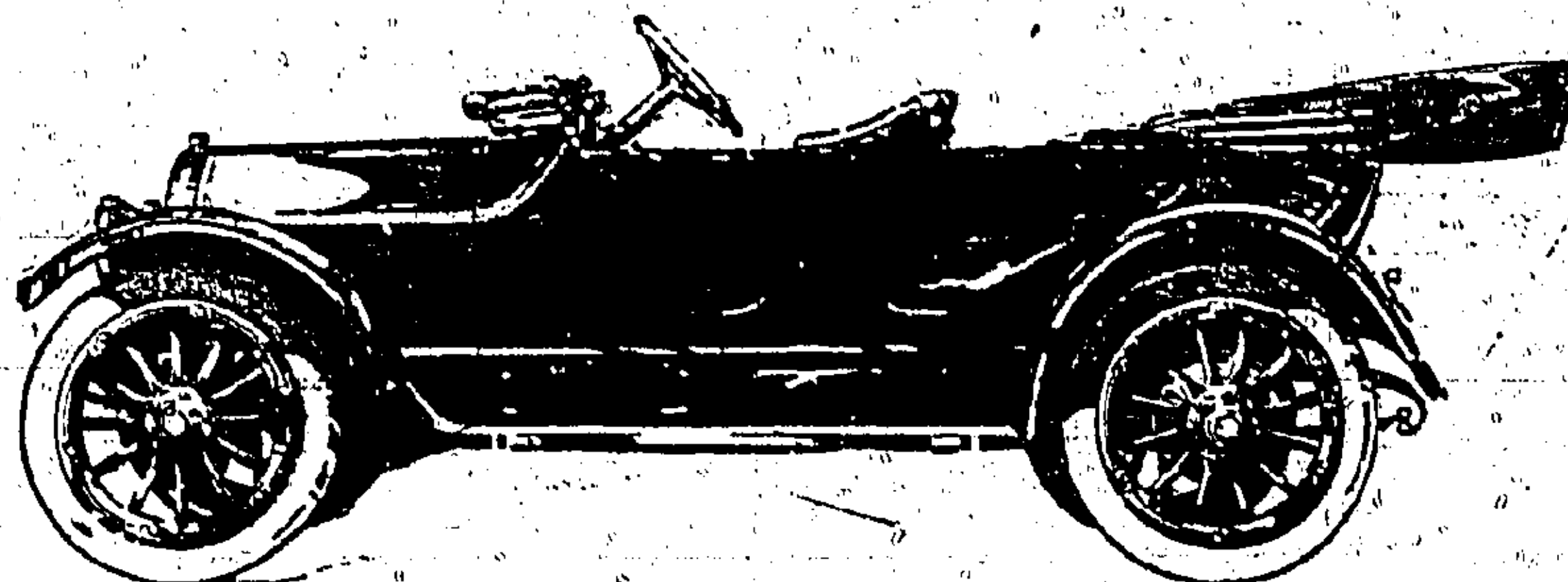
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TRADE WITH CHINA.

ADDRESS BY MR. AINSKOUGH.

Mr. T. M. Ainscough, the British Trade Commissioner, who recently returned from China, gave an address on 12th ult. at the rooms of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on "British Trade with China." Mr. Ainscough said that the mission which had just been concluded on behalf of the Board of Trade differed from all previous missions in that it was primarily directed to the interior of China. "In the last eighteen months the speaker had visited eighteen of the provinces. He had been struck by the small amount of penetration effected by British firms; and he had found in almost every province signs of activity by our competitors, particularly our German competitors. They had had a practical monopoly of two enormous lines of trade which had provided them with the means of extending their organisation—the trade in arms and munitions, and the trade in aniline dyes and indigo. With the large commissions earned on these two lines they had been enabled to stand the expense of agencies in the principal towns at any rate in the capital towns of the provinces, and to push their other lines of trade. This applied, perhaps, more to engineering than to the cotton trade. It was noteworthy that, with one exception, the Germans had effected this penetration through the merchant firms, with the close co-operation of the manufacturers.

There had been some discussion lately as to whether it was possible for the manufacturer to do direct business in China. Mr. Ainscough did not say it was impossible. Indeed, he knew of some successful schemes of distribution by the manufacturers; but he thought that in general trade the ideal method was to work through the merchant. The trouble had been that merchants had had their hands full and had not felt justified in bearing the whole expense of trade extending schemes. Our weakness was a lack of co-operation between our industrial and mercantile effort. The Germans had a system of close co-ordination of their financial organisation, their industrial organisation, and their merchant.

Manchester owed a great deal to the German merchants, who had pushed British goods in the interior, and the argument was often put forward: "If a foreign house is willing to push British goods, why should we mind?" His answer to that argument was that the German firms in China, so far

as he knew them, were only willing to push foreign goods which it was impossible for Germany to supply. Their sense of patriotism in trade was strong. Therefore, though the Germans might suit us for the time being as distributors of our products, they would only continue to serve us so long as Manchester remained predominant in the cotton industry and the Germans could not manufacture the products success fully themselves. There was a great opportunity for the British houses in China to prove during the present lull in competitive trade that they were competent to handle the distribution of these goods, and he hoped that, if they made the attempt, they would be met with a spirit of co-operation and goodwill from this side. Another thing against us was that we had not got that hold on the export trade of China that our competitors had. The Germans and one or two other Continental nations had monopolised the export trade in Chinese products. They had their own organisations in the country for collecting the products, and at the same time, they industriously pushed the sale of their own goods. He was convinced that if Great Britain could do more to develop the export trade of China, and if London could take precedence of the country now handled by the Continent, it would have a very beneficial effect upon our import trade into China.

At present, Mr. Ainscough said, the whole question of trade in China was dominated by the political situation. What would be the effect of the recent Constitutional crisis? Having seen some of the work of Yuan Shih-kai, and his Government during the last few years, he held more hopeful views than most people. The last three years had been marked by steady centralisation of government in Peking. There had also taken place the redemption of the greater portion of the "irredeemable" note issues of the revolution. Chinese currency was still in a somewhat chaotic state, but the improvement in the stability of the Chinese dollar was most marked.

ANGLO-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP BUREAU.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The dinner was a good attendance at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Chinese Friendship Bureau held in the Chinese Capital, at the Hotel de Peking, recently. Sir John Jordan, British Minister, presided, and the company included H.E. Mr. Lu Hsiang-sheng, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Wang To Fush, Vice-Chairman of the State Council, Sir Robert Bredon, Dr. Morrison, Mr. Aglen, Dr. Galtrell. After dinner, Mr. Donaldson opened a debate on the subject "A system of technical education is better for the welfare of a nation than one of classical education." The debate was conducted with vigour, and the speakers, British and Chinese, contributed useful and interesting ideas. The vote resulted in an overwhelming decision for classical education. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.—Peking Daily News.

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TODAY'S TELEGRAMS.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT.

London, Dec. 27. Christmas at the front is graphically described by Reuter's Special Correspondents in France and Macedonia.

IN FRANCE.

The day broke in France, wet, blowing and cheerless, but at noon the sun struggled through. Later it became fine and very mild.

There was plenty of good fare in the trenches and the day was spent as comfortably as the water-logged environments, which no efforts could successfully overcome, permitted.

The day was uneventful. Neither side was provocative and there was a deal of hearty though desultory singing. At many places where the German trenches were close to ours the guttural chanting of the Boches occasionally reached our lines. This was invariably a signal for more vigorous choruses in an attempt to drown the sound. The German overtures at "intermining" were slight and faint-hearted as though contemptuous rejection was a foregone conclusion.

The Christmas situation permitted the granting of a holiday to the men who had recently had a fatiguing time digging new lines.

Everywhere a real holiday spirit prevailed. Football, races and games were the order of the day and the holiday was celebrated in the French Camps with almost equal enthusiasm, the "Pion-pious" playing Rugby with the latest notions of the rules and convulsing the Tommies looking on, the French joining in the laughter with the greatest good-humour.

In the evening there were concerts and sing-songs, one mess actually transporting a piano to the camp.

On Christmas afternoon every meadow at the rear of the lines in any way under cover became a football field. Among the troops in reserves and billets the festival was celebrated with far more traditional thoroughness.

The Christmas mails were colossal, the heaviest single day's delivery in Christmas week being 18,500 bags representing 3,600,000 letters and 500,000 parcels.

IN MACEDONIA AND GREECE.

The conditions at the encampments on the hills in Macedonia were far more cheery. The weather has been warm, sunny and spring-like for days past.

At Salonika there was a Christmas air with quantities of holly being sold in the streets, legs and heads of turkeys protruding from every motor lorry going towards the camp, and countless Tommies struggling along, with one or two live birds under their arms. Prices of turkeys, which were recently six and seven francs each, rose to 40 and 60 francs. Nuts, raisins, dates, figs and oranges were sold out. Never had Salonika seen such a celebration.

A STORMY CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 27. A stormy Christmas has culminated in a hurricane-day. Fourteen hours' continuous rainfall has caused a rapid rise in the Thames, which is several feet above summer level. Trees have been uprooted and wooden structures have been blown down.

There have been numerous wrecks on the coast.

PROJECTED ENEMY ATTACK IN BELGIUM DELAYED.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28. According to advices received here from the Belgian frontier, the Germans are carrying out considerable movements of troops behind the front, delaying their projected attack, owing to unexpected weather conditions, the numbers and positions of the Allies.

INDIANS LEAVE FRANCE.

London, Dec. 27. The departure of the Indians from France is revealed in an official announcement that "At a parade of the Indian Army Corps before its departure from France H.R.H. the Prince of Wales delivered a message from the King Emperor" warmly thanking the officers and men for their services which are now required in another field of action.

KING'S MESSAGE TO THE INDIAN TROOPS.

The King's Message said: "More than a year ago I summoned you from India to fight for the safety of the Empire and the honour of my pledged word on the battlefields of Belgium and France."

"The confidence then expressed in your sense of duty, courage and chivalry you have since nobly justified."

"I now require your services in another field of action, but before you leave France I sent my dear, gallant son, the Prince of Wales, who has shared with my Armies the dangers and hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name for your services and to express to you my satisfaction."

British and Indian comrades-in-arms! Yours has been a fellowship in toils and hardships, in courage and endurance, often against great odds, in deeds nobly done in days of ever memorable conflict. In warfare waged under new conditions and peculiarly trying circumstances you have worthily upheld the honour of the Empire and the great traditions of my army in India."

I have followed your fortunes with the deepest interest and watched your gallant actions with pride and satisfaction."

I mourn with you the loss of so many gallant officers and men. Let it be your consolation, as it was their pride, that they freely gave their lives in a just cause for the honour of their Sovereign and the safety of my Empire. They died as gallant soldiers and I shall ever hold their sacrifice in grateful remembrance."

ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT.

London, Dec. 27. A Press Bureau communique says there has been some mining activity south of La Bassée Canal where an enemy mine failed to damage our trenches. Our artillery north of the Somme was effective against the enemy's positions. East of Albert and elsewhere there was only intermittent minor artillery engagements.

FRENCH ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

Paris, Dec. 26. A communique states that the night has been quiet along the whole front.

A communique says that French artillery has been very active in Artois, south of Bailleul, and south of Champagne.

The artillery made very successful practice in Champagne, disturbing the enemy's working parties. A fine shot blew up a munition depot in Woeyro. A French battery caught a munition train halted at the station of Haachemette, in the Vosges. Observers saw a terrific explosion.

A communique says there has been nothing to report during the night except in Lorraine where the French artillery bombarded the enemy's works south-west of Chateau Etalins.

ENEMY MINING OPERATIONS.

London, Dec. 28. A communique states that the enemy this morning sprang a mine opposite our line south-east of the Hohenzollern redoubt. We consolidated the nearest edge of the crater.

Our artillery bombarded hostile trenches south of the Lille-Armentières railway with good effect. The enemy replied vigorously, but did little damage. Elsewhere there was only normal artillery activity.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN MESOPOTAMIA.

HEAVY TURKISH CASUALTIES.

London, Dec. 27. A Delhi telegram dated the 26th inst. says:

General Townshend reports that yesterday the enemy determinedly attacked a portion of our position. They were repulsed, losing from 600 to 800. Our casualties were under 200.

The rest of Christmas Day was quiet at the fort. The garrison is in excellent spirits.

A whole division appears to have been engaged in the attack.

GENERAL TOWNSHEND'S REPORT.

London, Dec. 27. It is officially announced that General Townshend reports fierce fighting on the 24th and 25th for the possession of the fort on the north side of the Kut peninsula, in which the enemy effected a lodgment, but were repeatedly ejected. The enemy finally withdrew leaving 200 dead inside the fort on the 24th inst. His further casualties are estimated at 700 killed and wounded. Our casualties were 100.

A further despatch dated the 25th says there was fierce fighting again at midnight for the possession of the fort. The enemy effected a lodgment in the northern bastion from which they were ejected, but came on again and occupied the bastion. The garrison of Oxford Light Infantry and 108th held on to the entrenchment and were reinforced by The Norfolk and the 104th Regiment. The enemy vacated the bastion early on Christmas morning and retired into trenches from 400 to 900 yards in the rear.

Although attacks have been made on the front trenches there has been only a hundred yards breach.

FURTHER FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

Petrograd, Dec. 27. A communique states that the Russians, midway between Tcheran and Hamadan defeated a Turco-German detachment consisting of rebellious Persian gendarmes and bands armed with artillery and machine-guns. The enemy lost several positions, many were killed and wounded and the others fled.

A MONTENEGRIN VICTORY. SANGUINARY ENGAGEMENT.

London, Dec. 26. A Montenegro communique says that the Montenegrin offensive in Sanjak led to a sanguinary engagement on the 23rd inst. The enemy were driven headlong towards Bilopolje, leaving on the field over 500 killed and 100 prisoners were taken. The Montenegrins continued their offensive successfully. They captured several villages after sharp fighting. All day the Austrians lost heavily.

GENERAL CASTELNAU.

Athens, Dec. 27. General Castelnau has left Greece on his return journey to France.

PERPLEXING NEWS FROM GREECE.

London, Dec. 27. The news from Greece is of the most contradictory character. It is stated that the military authorities, despite German threats of an advance after Christmas believe the enemy will not enter Greek territory, owing to the hesitation of the Bulgarians to embark on a new campaign without a definite object. The Bulgarians think they have attained their goal by the conquest of Serbian Macedonia and are reluctant to add to their already huge losses unless they are promised further important territorial compensation.

On the other hand it is declared that a formidable converging Turco-Bulgarian attack is likely in a few days. The Times correspondent has had an interview with M. Skouloudes, the Greek Prime Minister, who stated that Greece had obtained sufficient guarantees from the belligerents to evacuate Greek territory after the fighting.

The Chronicle's Correspondent at Athens has interviewed M. Gounaris, who is regarded as the man of the future. He emphasized that Greek neutrality would last only as long as the territorial integrity of Greece is respected.

STEAMERS SUNK.

FRENCH LINER SUNK: 80 PERSONS LOST.

London, Dec. 27. The following steamers have been sunk:

British steamer Yeddo; crew saved.

British steamer Cottingham; seven saved.

French steamer Ville de la Clotat; part crew and passengers saved and landed by steamer at Malta. Eighty of the crew and passengers are lost.

The Belgrade.

The Minstre Beernaert; seven saved.

The British steamer Hadley; crew saved.

LATER.

A Paris announcement says the Ville de la Clotat was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean without warning.

The "Ville de la Clotat" was one of the Messageries Maritimes fleet well-known in the Far East. She was built in 1893 and was a vessel of 6,378 tons. The steamer left Hongkong on November 28th last bound for Marseilles and she was scheduled to arrive about December 26th. From enquiries made it was ascertained that the vessel carried no first or second class passengers from Hongkong but six third-class Chinese passengers.

The "Yeddo" was a ship of 4,663 tons, built in 1901, and owned by the Ocean Navigation Co. (Andrew Weir and Co., managers).

The "Cottingham" was a steel screw steamer of 513 tons, built in 1907 and owned by the East Yorkshire S.S. Co., Ltd.

The "Minstre Beernaert" was a Belgian steamer of 4,215 tons, built in 1907 and owned by the Cie Royal Belgo-Argentine.

The "Hadley" was a British steamer of 1,777 tons, built in 1901, and owned by W. Cory and Son, Ltd.

FRENCH CRUISER EXPLORING.

TWO ENEMY SUBMARINES SEEN.

Paris, Dec. 27. A Naval communique states that while exploring the Gulf of Souda, between Egypt and Cyrenica, a French cruiser bombarded and destroyed a Turkish battery and a trawler.

Simultaneously the cruiser discovered and shelled two large enemy submarines, which remained at a great distance and fled after a two hours' cannonade.

BRITISH CABINET MEETING.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The Cabinet met to-day. There was a large attendance. Mr. Asquith returned from his country where he had spent Christmas, and Mr. Lloyd George returned from the Clyde.

It is understood the final results of Lord Derby's campaign were considered and that Mr. Asquith will make a statement on these results shortly after the Recess.

The unusual spectacle of a Cabinet meeting on Boxing-day attracted a crowd.

Most of the Cabinet Members entered the meeting unrecognized, but when Lord Kitchener drove up in his motor the crowd rushed across the street, cheered and waved umbrellas, handkerchiefs, even throwing hats in the air. Mr. Lloyd George was also given a hearty reception.

THE COMPULSION QUESTION.

DEMAND FOR A FIGHTING LEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

The political situation is most interesting. The Cabinet meeting to-day was presumably to discuss Lord Derby's recruiting figures, which are stated to reveal a fact necessitating the fulfilment of Mr. Asquith's pledge, and possibly leading to the resignations of Anti-Compulsionist Ministers, and even to a General Election.

It is suggested that a compromise may be effected, giving the single men who have not attained another chance of joining voluntarily, while the compulsory scheme is being prepared.

It is noteworthy that the Observer, until recently a supporter of the government, now accuses Mr. Asquith of procrastination and irresolution and says: "If he is unable to make up his mind to give the country the fighting lead for which it is longing, then Mr. Lloyd George, who stands for what the country wants, should take his courage in both hands and appeal like Churchill to the nation." The Observer adds that he would not object to the

THE KING'S MESSAGE TO HIS TROOPS.

A REPLY FROM EGYPT.

Cairo, Dec. 27.

General Maxwell who commands the troops in Egypt, replying to the King's message, says: "The Officers and men of your Majesty's Armies in Egypt, drawn from the United Kingdom, the Dominions and India unite in humble thanks for your gracious and inspiring greetings. We are proud of the confidence placed in us and the share we are taking in the fight for victory."

KING OF SERBIA IN ITALY.

Rome, Dec. 26. King Peter has arrived in Italy from Valona.

MR. WINSTON-CHURCHILL.

London, Dec. 27. Mr. Churchill has returned to France.

GENERAL CASTELNAU AT SALONIKA.

Paris, Dec. 25.

General Castelnau has arrived at Salonika and in conjunction with General Sarrail has taken necessary measures to organise a real Expeditionary Corps for the Balkan front. Transport full of troops and ammunition continue to arrive.

NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR.

Paris, Dec. 26. The French Government has accepted Marquis Del Muni as Spanish Ambassador in Paris.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

Rome, Dec. 26. Artillery activity prevailed on the whole line.

FIGHTING IN GALICIA.

Petrograd, Dec. 26. In Galicia we threw the enemy back and attacked North-east of Bouchatch carrying an enemy work in Karantcho region and taking prisoners.

THE TZAR.

The Tzar has left for the front.

CHI ESE TELEGRAM.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

THE ACCESSION.

Peking, Dec. 27. The State Council is desirous that the Emperor shall ascend the throne as soon as possible.

EARLIER TELEGRAM.

Reuter's Service to the China Mail.

THE FINANCES OF THE BELLIGERENTS.

London, Dec. 27. Sir Samuel Montagu has been interviewed by a correspondent of the New York Tribune. In a very favourable comparison of the financial position of Great Britain and Germany, he contrasted in scathing terms Herr Helfferich's hysterics and M. Ribot's unvarnished account of the French Loan results.

Germany, he said, threw everything into the scale to strike a decisive blow before our preparations would bear fruit. She struck, and failed. He pointed out that while British exchange in America had been restored to a more steady balance, the German exchange had been falling to vanishing point. Germany had realised on all her available assets in the shape of negotiable foreign securities, and had suspended specie payments. If this happened under present conditions what would be the value of the Mark when peace comes—when the German importer wants to re-stock his empty larder and storehouses, and tries to exchange his depreciated paper for overseas goods? Germany had made no provision for the payment of interest on her War Loans. Moreover Austria's financial ruin was already complete. Germany had been sucked dry. If the enemy emerges from the war in the same state as after the Thirty Years' War, we will be able to hang up our swords without anxiety for the rest of the century.

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December 28.

Cheong, British steamer, 1,190, H. G. N. Walker, Tientsin and Weihaiwei Dec. 22, General — JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Dryden, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Bing, Bangkok and Swatow Dec. 27, General — CHINESE.

Fooking, British steamer, 1,087, T. A. Mitchell, May Dec. 23, General — JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Hainan, British steamer, 1,269, A. E. Hodgson, Saigon Dec. 23, Rice and Rice Mill — CHINESE.

Derwent, British str., 1,502, J. Jenkins, Saigon Dec. 23, Rice — CHINESE.

Anan, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 27.

Hain Chang, for Shanghai.

Touan, for Canton.

Fooking, for Saigon and Saigon.

Touan, for Saigon and Saigon.

Cheong, for Shanghai.

Hainan, for Canton.

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Anan, for Canton.

December 28.

Fooking, for Saigon.

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